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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, GW, LA

SUBJECT: WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR AND LAO FOREIGN MINISTER SIGN

NAM NGUM AID AGREEMENT

1. WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR EDGAR VON SCHMIDT-PAULI AND LAO FOREIGN MINISTER PHOUANE SIPRASEUTH SIGNED AN AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN LAOS AND THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY ON MARCH 9 IN VIENTIANE. ACCORDING TO TERMS OF AGREEMENT, WEST GERMANY IS TO PROVIDE LOAN OF 13 MILLION DEUTSCH MARKS (APPROXIMATELY 5 MILLION DOLLARS) TO LAOS FOR SECOND PHASE OF NAM NGUM DAM PROJECT.

2. COMMENT: WEST GERMAN AMBASSADOR VON SCHMIDT-PAULI, RESIDENT IN BANGKOK, CAME TO VIENTIANE FOR SIGNING CEREMONY. WE UNDERSTAND LAO AT FIRST SUGGESTED THAT A SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS SHOULD SIGN ON LAO SIDE, BUT WEST GERMANS

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INSISTED THAT PHOUANE SIPRASEUTH SHOULD SIGN ACCORD. WEST

GERMANS WERE REPORTEDLY IRRITATED BY LACK OF INTEREST LAO OFFICIALS  
DISPLAYED IN MAKING PREPARATIONS FOR SIGNING ACCORD FOR THIS  
SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF AID. MARCH 10 EDITION OF PARTY NEWSPAPER  
"SIENG PASASON" CARRIES FRONT-PAGE PICTURE AND BRIEF ARTICLE  
ABOUT SIGNING OF THIS AGREEMENT. HOWEVER, MORE PROMINENTLY  
DISPLAYED ON FRONT PAGE OF SAME EDITION ARE PICTURES AND ARTICLE  
ABOUT EAST GERMAN GIFT OF 500,000 KIP (APPROXIMATELY 416  
DOLLARS U.S. AT OFFICIAL RATE) AND TOYS TO MINISTRY OF PUBLIC  
HEALTH AND PICTURE AND ARTICLE ABOUT NORTH KOREAN GIFT OF FILM  
TO MINISTRY OF INFORMATION.  
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